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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the International Search Report conducted in International Application No. PCT/EP00/02395, filed March 17, 2000, of which the instant application is a U.S. National Stage. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,306,429 issued December 22, 1981 to WARSOP as a "Y" category document;

- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,472,086 issued September 18, 1984 to LEACH as a "Y" category document. Applicant submits herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,540,311 issued to LEACH on September 10, 1985, which is identified by the annex to the Search Report as a U.S. Patent family member of the above-cited document;
- (3) French Patent Application No. 2 076 016 published October 15, 1971 as an "A" category document;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,795,835 issued to BRUNER et al. August 18, 1998 as an "A" category document;
- (5) International Application No. WO 96/35833 published November 14, 1996 as an "A" category document. Applicant submits herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,275 issued to STEVENSON et al. on February 1, 2000, U.S. Patent No. 6,056,479 issued to STEVENSON et al. on May 2, 2000, and U.S. Patent No. 5,965,467 issued to STEVENSON et al. on October 12, 1999, which are identified by the annex to the Search Report as U.S. Patent family members of the above-cited document;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,244,693 issued September 14, 1993 to INABA et al. as a "A" category document. Applicant submits herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,110,656 issued to INABA et al. on May 5, 1992, which is identified by the

annex to the Search Report as a U.S. Patent family member of the above-cited document;

(7) German Offenlegungsschrift No. 195 30 541 published February 2, 1997 as an "A" category document. Applicant submits herewith a copy of International Application No. WO 97/07269 published February 27, 1997 which is identified by the annex to the Search Report as a family member of the above-cited document. Applicant notes that the family member has an English language Abstract;

(8) German Patentschrift No. 198 16 440 issued July 8, 1999 as a "P" category document and as an "A" category document; and

(7) German Offenlegungsschrift No. 196 52 584 published June 18, 1998 as an "A" category document.

Copies of the above-listed documents (including the International Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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